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Washington, D.C.
16 February 1982

Mr. John E. Bacon
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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Re: Request for Access for Historical Research

Dear Mr. Bacon:

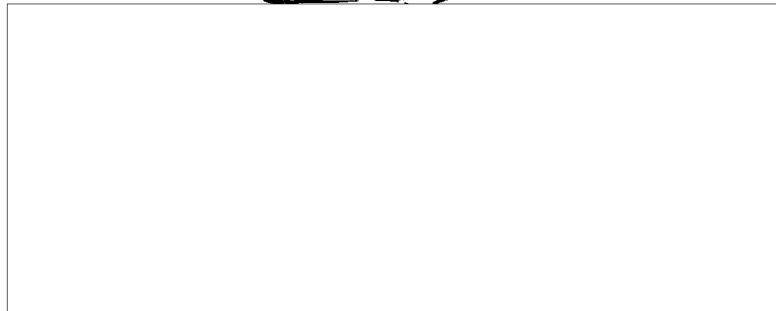
I hereby renew my 17 June 1981 request for access to information for historical research, pursuant to 32 C.F.R. §1900.61, concerning attempts by the U.S. and other western countries to infiltrate intelligence agents and potential guerrillas into Albania during the period 1945-53.

My previous request, a copy of which is enclosed, was denied due to a then pending appeal of a Freedom of Information Act request for the same material. That appeal has now been denied, thus making a renewal of the application for access for historical research appropriate.

I look forward to your prompt response to this request.



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This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16 February 1982 wherein you once again request access for historical research. We regret any confusion our letter of 22 June 1981 may have caused. One consideration in the denial of your previous request is that this Agency has no provisions in its system for access to our files by anyone who does not have staff-type clearances. Unfortunately, such clearances cannot be granted for this purpose alone, because they require a background investigation, polygraph interviews, etc. This requirement is spelled out in the Federal Register, Section 1900.61, Paragraph (b), dated 19 February 1975.

The other consideration is that of compartmentation. We wish to point out that our Directorate of Operations will not permit access to sensitive operational records of any type without a specific "need-to-know" by an individual, regardless of clearances held. This would apply to all active-duty Agency employees as well as others both inside and outside the Federal Government. Both our letters of 22 June 1981 and 26 October 1981 pointed out that the decision on your appeal would determine what information, if any, would be released to you. Since your appeal was denied, your only recourse is to seek judicial review.

We thank you for your continuing interest.

Sincerely,


John E. Bacon
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